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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

DATE: March 2, 2007

FR: Executive Director

RE: SB 124 (Ducheny) — Toll Evasion: Registered Owner

Description

This bill modifies the definition of a registered owner in order to improve the ability of toll collection agencies, such as the Bay Area Toll Authority and the Golden Gate Highway, Bridge and Transit District, to collect tolls from violators.

Recommendation: Support

Discussion

Toll facilities occasionally have violators whose vehicles are registered in other states. Under existing state law, toll agencies do not have the authority to collect penalties from out of state toll violators. While it would likely not be cost effective to pursue someone with one or two violations, a vehicle with multiple violations and associated fees can end up owing thousands of dollars. Under current law, a registered owner is defined as an owner of a vehicle registered by the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). SB 124 would amend current law to provide that for the purposes of toll enforcement, a registered owner "includes owners with vehicles registered in other states." By expanding the definition of registered vehicle, all California toll agencies would have a better chance to recoup outstanding tolls and penalties from these drivers.

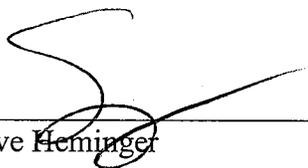
Known Positions

Support

California Transportation Ventures

Oppose

None



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